International Conference on Kashmir

1331. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an international conference on Kashmir was held in Washington recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the conference called upon US and U.S.S.R. to arrange a meeting between India, Pakistan and Kashmiri people; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir, A so-called inter-national conference on Kashmir was organised by the Kashmiri American Council.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India, and an organisation such as the KAC has no locus standi in the matter.

Transactions involving purchases from abroad

1332. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the transactions involving purchases from abroad during the period between 1st January, 1991 and 20th June, 1991 by Government involving amounts over Rs. 1 crore in foreign exchange;

(b) the details of transaction involving foreign purchases; and

(c) whether Government have reversed any orders of the immediate previous Government involving purchases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir, no such purchases were made.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

डी०टी०सी० की बसों में उर्दू में अनुदेश

1333. मौलाना अबदुल्ला खान आजमी : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ समय पहले डी० टी० सी० की बसों में उर्दू में अनुदेश लिखे गये थे,

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि अब वे अनुदेश डी० टी० सी० की अधिकतर बसों में मिटा दिये गये हैं,

(ग) यदि हां तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इसके लिये जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है, और

(घ) उक्त अनुदेशों को फिर से उर्दू में लिखने के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री अबदुल गफूर) (क) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम ने अपनी बसों में उर्दू में निर्देश लिखने की कोई अनुमति नहीं दी है ।

(ख) से (घ) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

OIC Decision to send fact finding mission to Kashmir

1334. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) has decided to send a fact-finding mission to Kashmir and

whether Government purpose to permit the said Mission to visit the valley; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to effectively counter Pakistan's diplomatic offensiv aimed at mobilising international Islamic opinion in its favour in its efforts to internationalise the Kashmir issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The OIC Foreign Ministers meeting held in Istanbul from 4-8 August, 1991 adopted a resolution which, inter-*alia*, called for the visit of a three member "fact-finding mission" to J&K. Government are of the view that there is a no scope for any third party involvement in the Kashmir issue and that the OIC has no locus standi in the matter Any such visit is, therefore, unacceptable.

(b) Government have and will continue to take all appropriate measures to project the correct picture regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. The international community has also been apprised of Pakistan's assistance to terrorism and subversion in the State, which is an integral part of India. There is widespread endorsement of the Simla Agreement and appreciation of India's position.

Raising of Kashmir Issue in UNO by JKLF

1335. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) misused a U.N. Sub-Commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities at Geneva and reportedly issued threats of violen e in this UN Forum against India, a reported in the 'Hindustan Times' N w Delhi dated the 17th August, 1991 and

(b) if so, the steps India has taken or propose to take for the discontinuance of such attempts to malign India by these terrorist organisations at U.N. Forums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Under the aegis of a non-governmental organisation called "Liberation", a representative of the so-called JKLF addressed the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in Geneva on 13th August, 1991 and alleged human rights violations and denial of the right of "self-determination" to the people of J. and K. Exercising the right of reply the Permanent Representative of India to the UN office at Geneva rebutted the baseless allegations made and expressed strong objection for a terrorist organisation like the JKLF being allowed to misuse the auspices of a non-governmental organisation to issue threats of violence against India. The subversive and violent activities of JKLF were outlined and it was made clear that J&K was an integral part of India.

Problem of Fake Passports

1336. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

SHRI SYED SIBETY RAZI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to countenance the problem of fake passports and to eliminate the deficiencies in the present system, alongwith the modus operandi of such fradulent practices;

(b) whether it is a fact that at present even in genuine cases it takes as many as six months or more to issue the passport by the R. P. O., New Delhi on the plea of non-receipt of timely Police Reports; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to streamline the existing procedure, and expedite the issue of passports?